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This advisory resource provides a method of understanding the criteria that a reader uses to judge a novel, and recommends titles that fit those criteria. Each book was assigned a primary appeal characteristic of Setting, Story, Characters, and Language. Some were also assigned a secondary appeal characteristic. The book is divided into four parts, corresponding to the four appeal characteristics. Each entry starts with the book's author, title, publisher and date of publication, and the number of pages in the book. This is followed by a descriptive annotation, appeal characteristics, and subject headings. The annotation notes if the book is an Oprah Winfrey selection, and novels that make good book club selections are marked with an icon. When the book is a translation, the original language is noted and the translator's name is given in the annotation. Both fiction and nonfiction books, as well as a few poems, are included in a section that contains suggestions for further reading. An appendix describes several book awards. Contains title, subject, and author indexes. (AEF)